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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- MESSAGE  
FOR ASAD

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME FOR  
PRESIDENT ASAD AND ASSURE THAT KHADDAM IS INFORMED.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

AFTER FURTHER INTENSIVE EXCHANGES WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
EGYPT AND ISRAEL OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, WE HAVE DECIDED  
THAT THERE IS A BASIS FOR MAKING ANOTHER EFFORT TO CONCLUDE  
THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THEM ON A SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT  
LEADING TOWARD A FINAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THEREFORE, I AM PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR  
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ABOUT TEN DAYS ARRIVING THERE AUGUST 21. I WOULD VERY

MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH YOU TO DISCUSS OUR STRATEGY FOR MOVING THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD.

MY VISIT WOULD FALL IN THE PERIOD AUGUST 23-31 IF THAT WERE CONVENIENT TO YOU. I AM ASKING AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU WHEN MY SCHEDULE IS CLEARER TO DETERMINE WHETHER A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME MIGHT BE ARRANGED IN THAT PERIOD. END TEXT.

3. YOU SHOULD AT SAME TIME MAKE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH IS BEING ISSUED SUNDAY AT NOON BY THE WHITE HOUSE IN COLORADO.

QUOTE: SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK, LEAVING WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 20. THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED LOOKING TOWARD AN INTERIM AGREEMENT HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE THE PARTIES AND THE PRESIDENT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO TRAVEL TO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE TALKS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL. UNQUOTE.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR PLANNING TO HAVE YOUR REPORT OF ANY INITIAL REACTION FROM SYRIANS ON WHAT MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE CONVENIENT TIMES FOR VISIT. SISCO

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